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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO PM TRUDEAU'S NEW YORK SPEECH

1. VANCOUVER SUN EDITORIAL OF MARCH 23 JUDGED PM TRUDEAU'S SPEECH BEFORE THE NEW YORK ECONOMIC CLUB "A MODEST SUCCESS", THE MEASURE OF WHICH WILL BE THE FULL SALE OF THE 750 MILLION DOLS BOND ISSUE AND THE COURSE OF THE CANADIAN DOLLAR IN COMMING WEEKS. "PARTLY, MR. TRUDEAU WAS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT WAS, IN SHORT, A VERY FRIENDLY AUDIENCE". EDITORIAL CONTRASTED TRUDEAU SPEECH WITH LEVESQUE ADDRESS TO THE CLUB LAST YEAR: "THEY WANTED SOME WORD FROM MR. TRUDEAU THAT SEPARATION WAS NOT SO INEVITABLE MR. TRUDEAU GAVE THEM THE WORD THEY WANTED."

2. VANCOUVER SUN COMMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT THE SPEECH "RAISED SOME INTRIGUING QUESTIONS FROM CANADIANS." SPECIFICALLY, TRUDEAU SPOKE OF A "NEW WILLINGNESS" AMONG CANADIANS TO SUPPORT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED DEFINITION OF "RENEWED CONFEDERATION" HAS COME TO MEAN GREATER DECENTRALIZATION OF POWERS TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, BUT TRUDEAU, IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AFTER HIS SPEECH, "WAS SUPRISINGLY STRONG IN THE WORDS HE USED AGAINST THE IDEA OF DECENTRALIZATION". STATING THAT "HIS AMERICAN AUDIENCE LIKED THAT APPROACH", THE EDITORIAL QUESTIONS WHETHER HIS CANADIAN AUDIENCE WILL LIKE IT.

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3. SUN FOUND THAT TRUDEAU'S EXPLANATION OF CANADA'S CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WAS "ADROIT", BUT MANAGED TO AVOID MENTIONING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY ENCOURAGEMENT TO EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS BY CANADIANS BY SPENDING AND LETTING THE MONEY SUPPLY GROW AT EXPLOSIVE RATES.

4. IN CONCLUSION, EDITORIAL STATED: "FOR ALL THAT, MR. TRUDEAU OBVIOUSLY WENT TO NEW YORK TO IMPRESS THE MONEY MEN OF NEW YORK AND SECURE HIS INTERNATIONAL FLANK FOR THE COMING ELECTION. IF HIS POLITICS WERE SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN HIS ECONOMICS, HE SEEMED TO ACHIEVE WHAT HE SET OUT TO DO."

5. VANCOUVER PROVINCE FRONTPAGED SOUTHAM NEWS SERVICE "COMMENT" (BY DON MCGILLIVRAY), CAPTIONED "PIERRE-IN-WONDERLAND TELLS IT THE WAY HE D LIKE IT", WHICH STRONGLY CRITICIZES THE PRIME MINISTER FOR USING ECONOMIC STATISTIC IN THE SPEECH WHICH "WERE CAREFULLY SELECTED OUT OF A MASS OF LESS FAVORABLE NUMBERS."

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